

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

All claims are presented below with the respective status of each claim shown in parentheses after the claim number. Only those claims being amended herein show their changes in highlighted form, i.e., insertions appear as underlined text (e.g., insertions) while deletions appear as strikethrough text (e.g., ~~deletions~~). All previously amended claims appear as clean text.

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) A purchase request management system, ~~wherein said purchase request is remotely managed by a user over a computer network, said purchase request management system comprising:~~

A¹ a system database ~~which provides an exclusive database region for each of a plurality of dealers~~ comprising a plurality of sets of purchase requests, the purchase requests received from potential buyers and stored in the database, each set of purchase requests associated with one of a plurality of dealers, each purchase request belonging to at least one set and fewer than all sets; and

a purchase request management module ~~which provides said user access into said exclusive database region, said purchase request management module includes one or more actions response modules~~ that permits each dealer to access and manage only the set of purchase requests associated with the dealer.

27. (Currently amended) The management system as defined in Claim 26, additionally comprising a dealer terminal, said dealer terminal displaying a split screen and the split screen ~~lists~~ listing the set of purchase requests associated with the dealer on one side and a purchase request detail on the other side.

28. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 27, wherein said list of purchase requests includes an assigned user.

29. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 27, wherein said purchase request details includes a purchase request task list.

30. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 29, wherein said purchase request task list includes an assigned user.

31. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 29, wherein said purchase request task list includes an assigned user.

32. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 26, wherein said user is a sales manager.

33. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 26, wherein said user is a salesperson.

34. (Currently amended) A purchase request management system ~~having a system database, said system database including an exclusive database region for each of a plurality of dealers, said system database containing at least one purchase request, wherein at least one user has access to said purchase request in said exclusive database region, said management system~~ comprising:

means for storing a plurality of sets of purchase requests received from potential buyers, wherein each set of purchase requests is associated with one of a plurality of dealers and each purchase request belongs to at least one set and fewer than all sets;

means for listing only the set of said purchase requests associated with a dealer;

means for displaying details of the listed set of said purchase requests; and

means for acting on the listed set of said purchase requests, wherein said acting includes utilizing one or more action response modules.

35. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 34, wherein said means for displaying displays a purchase request list on one side and a purchase request detail on the other side.

36. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 35, wherein said purchase request list includes an assigned user.

37. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 35, wherein said purchase request detail includes a purchase request task list.

38. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 37, wherein said purchase request task list includes an assigned user.

39. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 37, wherein said purchase request task list includes an assigning user.

40. (Original) The management system as defined in Claim 34, wherein said user is a sales manager.

41. (Original Claim 42--Renumbered by Examiner) The management system as defined in Claim 34, wherein said user is a salesperson.

Q' 42-76 (Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims:

77. (New) The management system of Claim 26, wherein a user remotely accesses the management system.

78. (New) The management system of Claim 26, wherein accessing and managing purchase requests as permitted by the purchase request management module includes storing a status indicator associated with each purchase request.

79. (New) The management system of Claim 78, wherein the status indicator is selected from a group including at least quoted, pending, and sold.

Q' 80. (New) The management system of Claim 26, wherein accessing and managing purchase requests as permitted by the purchase request management module includes associating a task with a purchase request.

81. (New) The management system of Claim 80, wherein accessing and managing purchase requests as permitted by the purchase request management module includes assigning a task to a user.

82. (New) The management system of Claim 26, wherein accessing and managing purchase requests as permitted by the purchase request management module includes assigning a priority level to a purchase request.

83. (New) The management system of Claim 26, wherein each purchase request belongs to only one set.

84. (New) The management system of Claim 26, further comprising a plurality of distinct database regions, wherein each set is stored in one database region.

85. (New) The management system of Claim 84, wherein each database region is associated with one dealer.

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86. (New) A purchase request management system remotely accessible by a user comprising:

a system database comprising a plurality of sets of purchase requests, the purchase requests received from potential buyers and stored in the database, each set of purchase requests associated with one of a plurality of dealers, each purchase request belonging to at least one set and fewer than all sets;

a plurality of distinct database regions, each database region associated with one dealer, wherein each set is stored in one database region; and

a purchase request management module that permits each dealer to access and manage only the set of purchase requests associated with the dealer, wherein accessing and managing purchase requests as permitted by the purchase request management module includes associating a task with a purchase request.
